

List of Public Institutions, &c.

Observation of *Venus* near Conjunction. Mr. Brodie.
 Measures of *Saturn*. Mr. De La Rue.
 Note on the Occultations of *Antares* during the year
 1856. The Astronomer Royal.
 Observations of the Planet *Saturn*. Mr. Lassell.
 Note on Solar Refraction. Prof. C. P. Smyth.
 Discovery of a new Variable Star. Mr. Hind.

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 to the Society's Library, &c. since the last Anniversary.*

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 Royal Society of London.
 Royal Society of Edinburgh.
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 The Philosophical Society, Liverpool.
 The Philosophical Society, Manchester.
 Historic Society of Lancashire.
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 L'Académie Impériale des Sciences de l'Institut de
 France.
 L'Académie des Sciences de Dijon.
 Le Bureau des Longitudes.
 Le Dépôt Général de la Marine.
 The Imperial Academy of Vienna.
 The Imperial Observatory of Vienna.
 Royal Academy of Munich.
 The Royal Observatory of Munich.
 Royal Academy of Berlin.
 Royal Academy of Brussels.
 Museo di Fisica, Florence.
 The American Philosophical Society.
 The Smithsonian Institution.
 The Franklin Institute.
 The Observatory at Harvard College.

The Observatory at San Fernando.
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 The New Orleans Academy of Sciences.
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*Address delivered by the President, Manuel J. Johnson, Esq. M.A.,
 on presenting the Gold Medal of the Society to Mr. Grant.*

I rise, Gentlemen, according to custom, to say a few words on the subject of the Medal which, as you have heard, your Council has this year awarded to Mr. Robert Grant, for his book entitled *A History of Physical Astronomy*,—an award so far remarkable, that it is the first which, during the Society's thirty-six years' existence, has been conferred on literary service.

No one, I am sure, who has looked into this book will dispute its merits, or its high claims to the Society's notice. The only